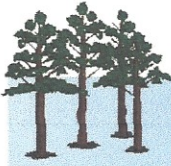


## Correspondence



### **RABBIT CREEK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (RCCC)** A Forum for Respectful Communication & Community Relations



1057 West Fireweed Lane, Suite 100 / Anchorage, AK 99503

November 10, 2022

Dear Assembly Members:

In January, the Rabbit Creek Community Council passed Resolution 2022-02, Noise Control & Illegal Exhaust Systems Noise. This resolution supported several other Community Councils, who, like us, are concerned with the serious hazard to public health, welfare, and our quality of life due to illegally loud vehicle noise.

We supported recommendations in the Ombudsman's October 8, 2021 report. These included the need for code changes (see AMC 9.44.330 and AMC 15.70) to establish a sound level standard measured at the tailpipe that is operationally practical for the Anchorage Police Department (APD) to enforce. We encouraged the APD to purchase two or more certified noise level meters for the Traffic Unit; and to train their officers in using sound level meters to augment the reasonable person standard in the code. Moreover, we supported a higher fine for violations of excessive traffic noise that are not resolved by fixing the faulty equipment.

We greatly appreciate that the APD has now purchased the needed sound level meters. We understand APD has recommended increasing the citation for loud mufflers and exhaust systems (AMC 9.44.330) to the Anchorage Assembly's Public Safety Committee. We now urge the Assembly to increase the citation for noise violations to a level considered by law enforcement to be an effective deterrent, i.e., to at least \$300, because the current \$100 fine has not proven sufficient.

These comments were approved by a vote of 17 ayes and zero nays, with no one abstaining, at our October 13, 2022 meeting.

Sincerely,

Ann Rappoport, Co-chair  
Rabbit Creek Community Council

cc: Mayor Bronson  
Michael Kerle, Chief, Anchorage Police Department  
Federation of Community Councils for distribution to other Community Councils